

17 November 1954

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The Honorable Sherman Adams  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sherm:

I enclose a copy of the letter which I received from General Christiansen who heads the staff members of General Clark's Task Force. According to our understanding, I am asking clearance for Colonel Herman O. Lane, who, together with General Clark, will look at the covert side of our shop as previously agreed upon. I am also asking for clearances for Robert J. Foley, Colonel Eugene L. Miller, and John L. McGruder, who are going into the so-called overt side of our organization. Here also a clearance is required because special intelligence is processed by many sections on the overt side.

In addition to General Clark's and Colonel Lane's work on the covert side of CIA, I understand that Admiral Richard L. Conolly will be the Task Force member assigned to the overt side of CIA. The other Task Force and staff members will devote their attention to other intelligence activities, particularly of the Armed Services, NSA, State Department, etc. Undoubtedly both Clark and Conolly had special clearances and I would assume that there was no problem about having these renewed if they have expired. General Christiansen, as his letter indicates, has already been cleared for special intelligence.

Pending word from you, I understand you wish no action with regard to further special clearances either of members of the Task Force itself or of the staff members.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

cc: DD/P  
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Encl  
Mr. Sheldon  
Mr. Carey

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**P.S. I enclose brief Personal History Statements covering the four persons for whom we are asking security clearance as indicated above.**

**A. W. D.**